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Swami Vivekananda's 162nd birth anniversary

Walkathon marks National Youth Day in city

MP Yaduveer, ex-MP Prathap Simha, MLA Srivatsa, ex-MLA Nagendra join BJP Yuva Morcha activists

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (MTY&BNR)- As part of National Youth Day celebrations commemorating Swami Vivekananda's 162nd birth anniversary, BJP Yuva Morcha, Mysuru, took out a Walkathon 'Viveka Nadige' in city this morning.

The walkathon, which began from Ramaswamy Circle, passed through Chamaraja Double Road, Narayana Shastri Road, D. Devaraj Urs Road, JLB Road, back to Ramaswamy Circle and culminated at BJP's Office in Chamarajapuram.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, former MP Prathap Simha, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former MLA L. Nagendra, MLA and Yuva Morcha State President Dheeraj Muniraju, BJP Mysuru District Rural President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, leaders Kaveesh Gowda, Jogi Manju and others took part in the walkathon.

Speaking on the occasion, Prathap Simha said that Swami Vivekananda's Chicago speech showcased Indian culture.

Swami Vivekananda was born on Jan. 12, 1863, in Kolkata as Narendra Nath Datta. He rose to prominence at the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893, where his speech on universal brotherhood and tolerance made him a global figure. In recognition of his contributions, the Day is celebrated as National Youth Day, inspiring young Indians to strive for personal growth and contribute to the nation's development.

(See WALKATHON on page 6)

Row over re-naming of Princess Road

MP Yaduveer welcomes Chief Minister's statement

Mysuru, Jan.12 (MTY&DM)- With Chief Minister Siddaramaiah putting an end to the controversy that erupted over the proposal to name Princess Road (KRS Road) as 'Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga,' by saying in Mysuru on Friday that he never sought to have any road of Mysuru named after him, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has welcomed CM Siddaramaiah's statement.

Speaking to presspersons on the sidelines of the Walkathon here this morning, Yaduveer said he hopes that the CM's statement would finally put to rest the re-naming row that erupted after some Congress leaders proposed to re-name the stretch of Princess Road from Vontikoppal to Royal Inn junction after Siddu.

(See STATEMENT on page 6)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 12th January 2025

National-level Yogasana Championship on Jan. 19

Mysuru, Jan.12 (VNS)- City's Chaitanya Yoga Education and Research Foundation, as part of its silver jubilee celebrations, will be conducting a National-level Open Yogasana Championship-2025 on Jan. 19 at Jaganmohan Palace auditorium in city from 8 am onwards.

The championship will be held in eight categories for men and women. Last date for registration is Jan. 15. For details, contact Mob: 94498-86387.

Maharaja High School and PU College old students, teachers meet tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 12- Maharaja High School and PU College Alumni Association has convened a meeting of old students and teachers on Jan.13 (Monday) at 5 pm at Maharaja High School Quadrangle in city.

On the occasion, Vid. Srinath and Vid. C.A. Sridhar will present a music concert accompanied by Vid. P.S. Sridhar on mridanga, Vid. H.S. Thandavamurthy on violin and Vid. Udayakumar on tabla.

This will be followed by unveiling of the photo of late Dr. N. Rathna, former Director of All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) and theatre personality, by Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy.

Dr. N. Chandrashekar of Aaditya Hospital and Ralie Ganapathy, Executive Director, Academy Newspapers Private Limited will be the guests of honour, according to Association President B.S. Sridhar Raje Urs.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Every year, January 12 is celebrated across the length and breadth of India as 'National Youth Festival,' a day which is also the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. The Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (with the PM today) is an innovative one, launched with the vision of engaging India's youth in the developmental journey of the nation. The programme seeks to harness the collective energy, creativity and leadership potential of young minds to contribute towards realising a Viksit Bharat, that is a Developed India.

The Mera Yuva Bharat (MYBharat), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, plays an instrumental role in shaping and guiding the direction of the National Youth Festival. As a platform that empowers youth by promoting engagement, knowledge sharing and participation in nation-building activities, it is crucial in curating the festival's programmes and ensuring that they align with the aspirations of India's youth. Through MY Bharat, young people can gain access to resources, mentorship and opportunities that will enhance their ability to contribute meaningfully to the country's development. In this year's festival, MY Bharat will facilitate the digital integration of youth, enabling participation from across the country. It will also actively support youth-led initiatives, helping them navigate the complexities of social and technological challenges and encouraging them to find innovative solutions for a better India.

In totality, India's youth is indeed its most precious asset. As the country progresses towards its vision of becoming a Viksit Bharat, it is the boundless energy, the ideas and the ambition of young people that will power the nation's transformation. The initiative of the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue will not only open a new chapter but will also shape the mobilisation of the political leadership.

The future of India is bright, and it rests in the able hands of its youth. This resonates with the belief expressed by Swami Vivekananda in unlimited possibilities in youth energy when he had said, 'Give me one hundred 'believing' young men... I will transform India as the number one nation in the entire world...' *—Raksha Khadse, Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, in The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Diver walks 370 feet underwater on single breath!

Canberra: An Australian freediver went for a 370-foot, 2-inch stroll at the bottom of a pool to break the Guinness World Record for the longest underwater walk with one breath (female).

Amber Bourke, 35, who has been freediving for over 10 years, spent weeks training in and out of the pool to break her own personal record of 334 feet, 7 inches, as well as the Guinness World Record of 357 feet, 7 inches.

"I wanted to do this both for my own sense of achievement — it has always been a dream of mine to hold a Guinness World Records title — and also to raise money for the Australian Marine Conservation Society in the process," Bourke told Guinness World Records.

Bourke's underwater walking technique involved bending at her hips so her torso was at a 90-degree angle, in a swimming-like position, while her feet were planted on pool floor.

Dream numbers win $50,000 lottery prize

Maryland: A Maryland woman who won $50,000 from a Pick 5 lottery drawing said her set of winning numbers came to her in a dream.

The Prince George's County woman told Maryland Lottery officials she had a dream in December about a series of numbers that stuck in her head after she woke up. The woman ended up using the digits, 9-9-0-0-0, to buy a Pick 5 ticket from Zip In Mart in Oxon Hill.

"We were running late and I almost forgot to play," the player said. "But, I knew we just had to play those numbers from my dream."

The numbers scored the woman a $50,000 prize in the Dec. 20 evening drawing. "My wife showed me, but it didn't seem real," the winner's husband said. "But when the Midas touch comes, hopefully, you're on it and thankfully we were."

HEALTH CAPSULE

The symptoms of urinary tract infection are burning in urine, frequent urination, passing blood in urine, lower abdomen pain associated with fever with chills.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T. P. – Consultant – Urology & Andrology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Rotary Kadamba Ranga Awards to be presented on Jan. 17

Mysuru, Jan.12 (GA&TRR)- City-based Kadamba Ranga Vedike will be presenting Rotary Kadamba Ranga Awards to theatre persons for their achievements in the field at a function to be held on Jan.17 at Institution of Engineers auditorium on JLB Road in city.

Disclosing this at a press conference at Patrakartara Bhavan recently, Vedike President Rajashekara Kadamba said the Rotary Kadamba Ranga Awards are being presented this time to U.S. Ramanna, Ashwath Kadamba, S. Dhananjay and Disha Ramesh.

Senior journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, actor Mandya Ramesh and Rotary North President P. Prabhakar will be the chief guests at the function.

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Today's Outflow **3,473 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **600 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Communication between Snow Leopards is done through leaving markings by scraping the ground or spraying urine against rocks to mark their territory or to locate mates.***
- ***These Cats can kill prey that are three times their own weight. They also have strong limbs that can launch up to 30 feet in one leap.***
- ***Snow Leopards are often found in the mountains of Central Asia and have adapted to a cold and dry climate.***
- ***Unlike other big cats, Snow Leopards can't roar. Snow Leopards have a 'main' call described as a 'piercing yowl' that's so loud it can be heard over the roar of a river.***
- ***The Snow Leopard would do well in most athletic events, it's best potentially being the long jump. Some Snow Leopards have been known to leap up to 9 metres - 6 times their body length!***

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The phone rang at 3 am in the morning. John picked it up.
The voice: *Is this eleven fourteen hundred?*
John: *No, this is one one one four zero zero.*
Voice: *I am sorry, Oh! very sorry.*
John: *That's all right. I had to get up and answer the phone anyway!!*

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1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.47
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.28

VOICE OF THE READER

Stray dog menace: MCC needs to wake up

Sir,

This is regarding the stray dog menace across the city. I have been informed that the team — PFA — commissioned to round up and sterilise street dogs has ceased operations due to non-payment of dues by MCC.

Until recently, I regularly sought their services and they were remarkably prompt in dispatching their team to address the issue.

It is ironic that we have a Government willing to spend substantial amounts on ephemeral cosmetic projects for Dasara, yet fails to ensure safe neighbourhoods for its citizens, citing a lack of financial resources.

Will MCC wake up and address this issue before the city literally goes to the dogs?

—S. Nagarajan

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Star Pups

WE ARE ADOPTED

'Star pups' Chai and Chavi in the arms of their adopted parents N.V. Varun and Sushmitha Varun.

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (BCT)- Chai and Chavi, both female puppies which were up for adoption at People For Animals (PFA), Mysuru, have been adopted by N.V. Varun and his wife Sushmitha Varun.

It may be mentioned, a news item titled ***"Adopt Us..."*** was published in *Star of Mysore* dated Jan. 10.

Now, the 48-day-old black and brown puppies have got a loving home.

PFA can be contacted on Ph: 0821-2598213 or Mob: 98456-54429 or e-mail: *pfamysore@gmail.com*.

Mother dog dies of snakebite while protecting puppies

PFA Mysuru rescues four new-borns

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (BCT)- People For Animals (PFA), Mysuru, has responded to a distress call to rescue a community dog that had been bitten by a Russell's Viper recently at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

The mother dog, which had recently given birth to four puppies, displayed immense courage as she defended her young ones from the venomous snake.

In a desperate attempt to protect her puppies, the dog bit the snake's tail, but the viper retaliated with a severe bite near her eyes, resulting in heavy bleeding.

Despite PFA's swift response, with their veterinarian and staff arriving within 10 minutes armed with anti-poly venom, the mother dog tragically succumbed to the bite before they could intervene.

While the mother could not be saved, PFA managed to rescue the four new-born puppies, which were found with their eyes still closed. The organisation is now caring for the pups and ensuring they find loving homes when they are old enough, approximately in six weeks.

Wins gold in Racewalk

P.G. Chandrashekar (PGC), a veteran athlete and Racing Correspondent of Star of Mysore, has bagged a gold medal in the 3K Racewalk (80-plus age category) of 1st South Asia Masters Athletics Open Championship 2025 organised by South India Masters Athletics Association at Mangaluru from Jan. 10 to 12.

Sankranti Parva at Arya Samaj

Mysuru, Jan. 12- Arya Samaj, Mysuru, has organised 'Makara Sankranti Parva' celebrations at its premises on Kothwal Ramaiah Street, Devaraja Mohalla on Jan. 14 at 10.30 am, according to a press release from the Samaj.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Annual Day celebrations

Vagbharathi Vidya Samsthe has organised 'Samskrutika Sambhrama' as part of its Annual Day celebrations at its premises in Hosahundi of Mysuru taluk today (Jan. 12) at 5 pm. Retd. Kannada Professor of JSS College Dr. H.T. Shylaja will light the lamp and unveil Basavanna's portrait. Former Rangayana Director C. Basavalingaiah will preside. Mountaineer Dr. Usha Hegde will be the chief guest.

Lakshadeepotsava

On the auspicious day of 'Makara Vilakku,' Sabarimala Sri Ayyappa Puja Samiti, Mysuru, has organised Lakshadeepotsava in the premises of Sri Ayyappa Swamy Temple at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city at 6.20 pm on Jan. 14. Sri Nataraja Swamiji of Sri Gurulinga Jangama Devaru Mutt, Gavadagere, Hunsur taluk, will inaugurate. Sabarimala Sri Ayyappa Puja Samiti has requested all the devotees to be present at the temple before 5.30 pm and light the lamps, according to a press release from Samiti Secretary R. Haridas.

State-level drawing contest

As part of the week-long Annual Suttur Jatra (Jan. 26 to 31), a State-level on-the-spot drawing contest for students will be held at Suttur in Nanjangud at 10 am on Jan. 29. The contest will be held under four categories with separate topics: 1st and 2nd standard (children's choice of topic), 3rd and 4th standard (Pet Animal), 5th to 7th standard (Jatra) and 8th standard to 10th standard (Smart City). For registration, visit JSS Mahavidyapeetha Office, Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Circle, Mysuru or e-mail: *jssdrawingcomp@gmail.com* or contact Ph: 0821-2548212-122 or Mob: 94802-81097 or 94489-57905.

Swami Vivekananda Jayanti on Jan. 15

Sri Mahalakshmi Charitable Trust, Vidyaranyapuram, will celebrate the 163rd birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda at Madhava Shenoy auditorium in J.P. Nagar at 5.30 pm on Jan. 15. Senior writer K.C. Shivappa will be felicitated on the occasion. Tumakuru's Hiremath Tapovana Mutt Seer Dr. Sri Shivananda Shivacharya Swamiji will inaugurate the programme and deliver a special lecture. Cultural thinker Shankar Devanur will preside. Prof. Bettaswamy and Dr. MGR Urs will be the chief guests. Also, 69 eligible students will be distributed scholarship and good performers of the company will be presented financial incentives.

Leopard scare at Infosys campus

Forest Dept. intensifies combing operation with 120 staff

- Infosys employees told to work from home till Jan. 26
- 7,000 trainees, staff at hostels sent home

Forest Department and Infosys security personnel being briefed during combing operation at Infosys Mysuru campus on Saturday.

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (MTY&KS)- As the leopard, which was spotted on Dec. 31 morning in Infosys campus, is still playing hide and seek, the Forest Department has intensified its combing operation to trace and capture the elusive leopard by deploying 120 staff.

Though the Forest Department began the combing operation since Dec. 31, the leopard could not be traced. But CCTV cameras had captured the leopard's movement twice but no images have been captured by CCTV cameras since past five days. Now the Forest Department has decided to search every inch of the campus for which the Infosys Administrative Board is co-operating positively.

Already 22 camera traps were installed, survey of the area through thermal drone was conducted and two cages were placed to trap the elusive leopard. Also, wire mesh has been installed to the drain connecting the campus, sand was spread to trace the pug marks, doors of cellars have been closed and even steps were taken to prevent the leopard from hiding in the campus. But the leopard remained elusive, which has become a headache to the Forest Department.

Work from home continues; hostelites sent home

Following the sighting of the leopard on Dec. 31 morning in the campus, employees coming from outside were asked to work from home. But there were 6,000 trainees and staff totalling about 7,000 staying in the hostels at Infosys campus. The hostel inmates used to go to their workplace with tight security and were asked to take a particular route to reach their workplace every day. They were instructed not to venture out unnecessarily during night times and sit in parks.

But as the leopard could not be traced till date, the employees and all the staff have been instructed to work from their homes till Jan. 26. Also, all the trainees, staying in hostels and staff have been asked to go back to their homes for which additional bus facilities were made yesterday and today in front of Infosys campus.

With the leopard playing hide and seek, the pressure on the Forest Department to trace and capture the elusive leopard has increased. From yesterday, 12 teams, comprising 70 personnel from the Leopard Task Force (LTF) and Elephant Task Force (ETF) and 70 security personnel of Infosys, conducted a full fledged combing operation.

Also, two drones were deployed to conduct aerial search operation. Even the Forest Department veterinarians conducted an inspection and it has been decided to continue search operations in localities surrounding Infosys campus. One LTF team has been stationed in the campus to trace the clues of the leopard and monitor the camera traps and CCTV footages.

Conservator of Forests (Mysuru Circle) Dr. Malathi Priya, visited the campus, collected information and gave her suggestions. Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. K.N. Basavaraj and other Forest officials and staff were present.

Death of three inmates

Jail bakery unit shut

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (MK&BCT) The bakery unit at Mysuru Central Jail campus has been temporarily closed following the death of three inmates who consumed liquid essence used in cake preparation.

The deceased inmates — Nagaraj from Kollegal, Ramesh from Hassan and Madesh from Sathagalli — suffered severe complications after ingesting the chemical.

They were reportedly preparing cakes for New Year celebrations in the jail's bakery unit. On Dec. 24, they consumed the liquid essence, leading to acute stomach pain. Despite being rushed to the hospital for treatment, the inmates could not be saved, according to jail authorities.

DIG of Prisons, K.C. Divyashree, has launched an investigation into the incident, and a judicial inquiry is being conducted by the Chief Judicial Magistrate. Furthermore, the Mandi Mohalla Police have taken up the case as an instance of unnatural death and are investigating.

Superintendent of Central Jail, P.S. Ramesh, stated that the bakery unit, run by inmates, has been shut down as a precautionary measure. The decision to reopen the facility will be taken after the completion of the ongoing investigations. This incident has raised concerns over safety protocols and the handling of materials within the jail premises.

Sahukar S. Channaiah's daughter passes away

Mysuru, Jan. 12- Prameela Krishna (100), daughter of late Sahukar S. Channaiah, Founder of Mysuru Pradesh Congress and K.H. Ramaiah Students' Hostel, who had given the land for the establishment of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, passed away on Jan. 10.

Prameela

Prameela was one of the Founders of Vokkaligara Sangha and Adichunchanagiri Mutt.

Wife of late Capt. K.R. Krishna, she leaves behind children including K. Chandraprakash, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Wilson Garden Crematorium in Bengaluru yesterday.

Pedestrian killed as bike hits

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (SBD&KS)- A pedestrian died of injuries at a private hospital in city after he was hit by a two-wheeler at Doddahundi village in the taluk on Friday night.

Mahadevu

The deceased has been identified as Mahadevu (55), son of Mallegowda of Doddahundi village.

On Friday night, Mahadevu, after leaving his two-wheeler at a garage for repairs in Daaripura village, was walking towards his village when a bike hit him, causing serious injuries to him.

Though he was rushed to a private hospital in Mysuru, Mahadevu succumbed to injuries.

Post-mortem was conducted yesterday morning and the body was handed over to the family members. Jayapura Police have registered a case.

BVB School celebrates
19th Annual Day 'Bhavanotsava'

MLA K. Harishgowda is seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate 'Bhavanotsava,' the 19th Annual Day celebrations of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) School, at Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri, last evening as (from left) *School Principal S. Lekha Nair, BVB Mysuru Kendra Hon. Secretary P.S. Ganapathy, BVB Mysuru Chairman and Star of Mysore & Mysuru Mithra Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy, former MLC and BJP Spokesperson Capt. Ganesh Karnik, Mysuru North BEO S. Revanna and BVB Mysuru Hon. Treasurer Dr. A.T. Bhashyam look on. Picture right shows children presenting a cultural programme on the occasion.*

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (MK&DM)- 'Bhavanotsava,' the 19th annual day celebrations of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) School, Vijayanagar First Stage, was held at the Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri here yesterday.

Speaking after inaugurating the event, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda said that education is important for everyone and that there is nothing greater than being educated.

Emphasising that no one should be left out of education, he observed that a nation can develop if every citizen gets good education.

Website launched: BVB Mysuru Chairman K.B. Ganapathy, who is also the Founder-Editor of *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra*, launched the School's website ***www.bvbmysuru.com*** and said that all the academic activities and programmes of the school would henceforth be available online.

Former MLC Capt. Ganesh Karnik, who was the chief guest, said that it is the responsibility of everyone to make our children acceptable by the entire world.

"We also have the responsibility of shaping our children as the country's prized assets when they grow up. As such, we should ensure a conducive learning atmosphere for them. It is also important that we teach our children good things in life and at the same time ensure that they are treading the right path," he said and lauded BVB for promoting cultural and humanistic values among students, apart from providing quality education.

Mysuru North BEO S. Revanna, who was the guest of honour, said that BVB, apart from imparting academics, is striving hard for the all-round development of students through extra-curricular activities and sporting events.

Lauding BVB students for excelling in State and National events, he said BVB is one among the 23 Schools of the district which recorded cent percent results in last year's SSLC exam.

BVB stood third in the State in school rankings for performance in SSLC exam, he noted.

Continuing, Revanna said that just two months remain for this year's SSLC exam and as such the students should focus more on academics now.

Felicitation: On the occasion, best teachers and talented students of the school were felicitated.

Meritorious students S. Jahnavi, who secured 623/625 marks, S. Pragathi (621 marks), S. Mohit (619 marks) and Y. Ganashri, B.L. Shreyas and K. Vismaya (617 marks) in last year's SSLC exam and current students of the school, who excelled in various academic and sporting activities were presented mementoes.

BVB Mysuru Kendra Hon. Secretary P.S. Ganapathy, Treasurer Dr. A.T. Bhashyam, BVB School Principal S. Lekha Nair and others were present.

A colourful dance performance by tiny-tots and a variety of entertainment programmes by the students enthralled the gathering.

UKG student M. Komal mesmerised the audience with her Arithmetic operations by giving instant answers.

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e-Auction Sale Notification

As per the Karnataka Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1994 (Amendment) 2024, Rule 47 (1) & (2) and with vide Notification : DMG/SGM/TN (1) & (2) dated: 12-07-2023 and 04-03-2024 the Disposal of Seized or Confiscated Minor Mineral and fixed the base price of the seized block has enumerated in the table below. Further, this auction of seized granite blocks is based on "as is where is basis" and the successful bidders shall secure the granite blocks immediately after the successful bidding.

Sl No.	Place of Seizure	No of Granite blocks Seized	Volume (in Cubic Meters)	Value (In Rs.)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Hunsur Taluk, Hanagodu Hobli, Shettihalli village Sy. No. 14	64	92.60	2,77,800/-	28,000/-
2	Bettadapura Police station, Piriyapatna Taluk	05	11.73	93,848/-	9,400/-

The Auction of Seized granite blocks through e-Auction has been invited under Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000. The interested bidders can get the details through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka viz., https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and for any queries related to this e-Auction Contact : "Senior Geologist, Department of Mines and Geology, Mysore (Contact No. 0821-2561240). The Following is the calendar of events for the Pre-qualification tender process of seized granite blocks. Last Date and time to confirm participation of interest in auction : 20-01-2025 up to 4:00 PM.

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Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

The sad state of our Kalamandira!

Last Sunday I had the opportunity of spending a full three hours, with my family, immersed in a rapturous reverie that thankfully we in Mysuru have been enjoying year after year, for the past twenty-three years, thanks to the untiring efforts of its sponsors, organisers and performers of a very beautiful show.

I am talking about ***Geeth Gaatha Chal,*** the now very famous musical programme that is almost completely stage-managed by doctors and their family members. **This free show has been a unique gift to Mysureans and we can all only agree that this has become a show like none other in our city. It is an event where music lovers can get lost in a state of timelessness for a full three hours, which they sit through hoping that it will never end!**

It was at this show last Sunday where I was greeted and accosted by an elderly gentleman who recognised me as a regular columnist of *Star of Mysore* and introduced himself as a regular reader of what I write.

Holding my arm in a grasp, surprisingly tight for his advanced age, he said that he wanted to show me a few things if I had the kindness and time to see them. Although at the risk of missing out on a couple of the soulful songs, I agreed to accompany him and went where he led me.

His first stop was at one of the rather steep staircases at one of the wings of the auditorium, where he pointed out how all four such staircases were completely bereft of handrails or bannisters to help the aged and infirm to negotiate them with some degree of reassuring ease and safety.

I could only agree with him that he had a very valid point on this lacuna. Then with a wide grin he asked me to hold my handkerchief to my nose before showing me the next thing he wanted me to see and let me towards the gents' toilet nearby. **I reassured him that, I had no need to take the help of any handkerchief for this excursion, because being a doctor, I had long been accustomed to smells far worse than what he was preparing me for and went with him, with my nose unplugged and open. I'll be kind to your sensibilities and skip the description of what I saw there and will only tell you that what I saw there, was the best example of how a toilet should not be, private or even public!**

Turning to the wash basins, he asked me how anyone could come away from a toilet without washing his or her hands and how they would be able to accomplish this when none of the wash basins had any functioning taps? Yes, I found that while one wash basin had a dripping tap without a handle, the other had no tap at all. After we both came out and took a deep breath in unison, he told me that the gents' toilets on the other wing were locked shut and therefore not available for use. This was forcing all the men to perforce take a long detour around the perimeter of the building to find the only open one.

He also said that he was going home well before the show was starting because he was afraid that being an elderly man he would perhaps need to use a toilet very soon and he felt the best and nearest place for him to do it was back home!

He then requested me to write in my column about this sorry state of affairs at what was until not very long ago, the best and the biggest auditorium of our city and here I am, doing it for public good!

Having done this, I would like to add that I noticed many people complaining after the show that many seats were broken or without backrests and therefore unusable. I wonder why this has to be so, when the place has been undergoing periodic renovations at considerable cost, during which it is kept closed for prolonged periods.

Incidentally, the offices of the Director and Joint Director of the Department of Kannada and Culture, under whose management the auditorium comes, are located inside the very same building. Can these two officers not make periodic inspections of the place and see that it is maintained in a state of good upkeep at all times, keeping in mind the fact that many public events keep taking place there very frequently?

Or, is it too much of an expectation to be made by us citizens, so low down, from those perched so high?

A poor man's peril!

Early every morning, on my way to **Karanji Tank** with my wife for our morning walk, I have been seeing over the past few days, a lone security guard on duty, either standing or sometimes sitting on a boulder on the side of the Tank Bund Road.

Of late, he has out of sheer necessity, created a shelter for himself by making an awning out of a discarded piece of cardboard and fixing it to the chain-link fence of the Lake. **While he himself and those who have deployed him on duty there, do not seem to be aware of the risk to his life, I cannot help feeling that he is in great danger of being run over by a speeding vehicle, especially with visibility being very poor during foggy mornings these days.**

Even otherwise, he is stationed at a very wrong place because that side of the narrow stretch of road has no footpath whatsoever and vehicles can run right up to the edge of the road.

With the opposite side of the road having a wide stretch running alongside, a small guard's cabin can easily be created, well away from the road, by the Zoo authorities to whom the land belongs. This will not only keep their guards safe but will also offer them some much needed protection from the elements.

I hope we see this happening sooner rather than later and certainly before it is too late, because accidents always happen without prior notice!

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The insecure security guard on Karanji Tank Bund Road.

Walkathon

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At National-level: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is participating in Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi today. The event brings together 3,000 young leaders from across India, selected through a merit-based, multi-level process from over 30 lakh participants, aiming to foster innovation, leadership and dialogue for a brighter future.

The event aims to break the 25-year-old tradition of holding the National Youth Festival in a conventional manner. It will provide a platform for youths to present innovative solutions for a developed India. Participants will make presentations to the PM on ten thematic areas pivotal to India's development, including technology, sustainability, women empowerment, manufacturing and agriculture. Additionally, a compilation of best essays on these themes will be released.

This initiative aligns with PM Modi's vision, as expressed during his Independence Day address, to engage one lakh youths in politics without political affiliations and provide them with a platform to contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat (Developed India).

CM's statement

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MP Yaduveer pointed out that the BJP had launched several demonstrations against the proposed re-naming of the road and had even petitioned all the authorities concerned expressing strong opposition to the re-naming of Princess Road as 'Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga.'

MCC should withdraw notification: Simha

Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha, who too took part in the Walkathon, said it is true that he too had earlier supported the demands of some ruling Congress party leaders on naming the Princess Road as 'Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga' as he was unaware that the road was indeed named as Princess Road. "But upon learning that the road had already been named as Princess Road decades ago, I opposed the re-naming of the stretch," he clarified.

"Now CM Siddaramaiah has himself said that he has not sought naming of any road in Mysuru after him. The MCC should withdraw the notification it has issued earlier on re-naming of Princess Road at least now or else, the BJP would continue its fight against the civic body until it withdraws the notification and puts an end to the row once and for all," Prathap Simha pointed out.

Rail Coach Restaurants

to come up at Mysuru City Railway Station and Chamarajapuram Railway Station

File photos of Rail Coach Restaurant at Mysuru Rail Museum.

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (GA&BNR)- Here is good news for all those, who waited for the 'Rail Coach Restaurant' to chug into the Railway land of Swami Vivekananda Park area, opposite Vontikoppal Police Station but were disappointed.

The South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, now plans to come up with two Rail Coach Restaurants in city.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Girish Dharmaraj Kalagonda, Divisional Commercial Manager & Public Relations Officer (PRO), SWR, Mysuru Division, said, "Plans to set up Rail Coach Restaurant at Vivekananda Park is kept on hold as there was no response for tender called on Nov. 13, 2024. Also there were objections from public citing parking problem and as trees would be cut for the purpose. However, two such restaurants will be set up in city — one at Mysuru City Railway Station and another at Chamarajapuram Railway Station premises."

Stating that Mysuru City Railway Station sees a footfall of 55,000 on a daily basis and Chamarajapuram Station sees around 5,000 footfall on an average, he said that the restaurants will be set up using old coaches with a capacity of 40-50 people each.

He also said that there are similar Rail Coach Restaurants at two locations in Bengaluru and one in Hubballi. While Rs. 84 lakh tender was called for Bengaluru's Coach Restaurants, Rs. 36 lakh tender was called for Hubballi Coach Restaurant. For Mysuru's two Rail Coach Restaurants, tender has been called for a 5-year duration, he added.

SWR Mysuru Division is conducting an e-auction for the new Rail Restaurants on Jan. 20 at 12 pm, via the IREPS portal at ***www.ireps.gov.in***

Eligible contractors, who are registered on the IREPS portal are invited to participate in the bidding process.

These unique dining spaces, developed from decommissioned rail coaches, will provide passengers and visitors with a distinctive and nostalgic dining experience, set in a combination of vintage charm and modern amenities.

The Rail Coach Restaurants will feature the timeless appeal of old railway interiors, complemented by contemporary facilities, offering high-quality food and refreshments.

Strategically located within the Station premises, these restaurants will cater to the needs of passengers while enhancing their overall travel experience. Additionally, the initiative reflects South Western Railway's commitment to sustainability by re-purposing old coaches, thereby contributing to both passenger comfort and environmental responsibility.

Mysuru's NCC Cadets to make a mark at R-Day Parade

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (BCT)- Mysuru's NCC Cadets drawn from various colleges are set to represent the Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the prestigious 76th Republic Day (R-Day) Parade, scheduled to be held on Jan. 26, 2025 at Kartavya Path, New Delhi. These Cadets have showcased exceptional talent, dedication and hard work to earn this honour.

L.C. Keerthi

K.S. Kaveramma

P.K. Prathiksha

From Seshadripuram Degree College, Junior Under Officer **L.C. Keerthi**, a II Year BCA student, has been selected for the parade. Training under the 13 Kar Battalion NCC, Mysuru Group, Keerthi's achievement is a testament to her commitment. She is the daughter of L.M. Chandru and Geetha, residents of Vinayakanagar.

Junior Under Officer **K.S. Kaveramma**, a final-year BCA student of St. Joseph's First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, will also participate in the parade, representing the Karnataka and Goa Directorate.

The Management of Mysore Diocesan Educational Society, including Rev. Fr. Edward William Saldanha, Rev. Fr. A. Naveen Kumar, Seby Mavely, H.N. Chandrashekara, R. Shilpa, S. Sushmitha and other staff members, have lauded her for this commendable achievement.

Junior Under Officer **P.K. Prathiksha,** a II PU (PCMB) student from Seshadripuram Independent Pre-University College, has been selected to perform in the Classical Dance category at the Republic Day Parade.

As a Junior Under Officer of the 13 Kar Battalion NCC Mysore Unit, her achievement has brought joy to the college's management, principal, faculty, and staff, who have extended their congratulations.

MUDA 50:50 sites scam

Snehamayi Krishna files complaint against GTD

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (MTY&DM)- Continuing his campaign against officials and elected representatives involved in the mega MUDA alternative sites allotment scam, RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna has lodged a complaint with the Lokayukta accusing Chamundeshwari JD(S) MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) of using his influence to get six sites from MUDA for a person under MUDA's 50:50 ratio scheme, of which two sites of dimension 50'x80' ft each in Vijayanagar Fourth Stage were bought by GTD's daughter and son-in-law from landowner Chowdaiah, who had been allotted more than 44,000 sq.ft of land as compensation by MUDA.

Snehamayi Krishna

Krishna contended that the allotment of compensatory sites to Chowdaiah by the MUDA under its 50:50 ratio scheme was illegal as the land in question was under litigation.

He further alleged that GTD had used his influence to allot the compensatory sites of MUDA to Chowdaiah despite the litigation and received two sites as 'kickback' for the deal.

GTD welcomes probe into complaint against him

Reacting to the complaint filed by RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna against him, MLA G.T. Devegowda yesterday said that he welcomes the Lokayukta probe into the complaint against him.

G.T. Devegowda

Asserting that his daughter and son-in-law had bought the sites from the one who was allotted compensatory sites under MUDA's 50:50 ratio scheme, by giving white money, he urged the Lokayukta to investigate Snehamayi Krishna's allegation about his influence in it and bring out the truth.

GTD also argued that a land-loser was entitled to his share of compensatory sites by the MUDA if his/her land had been acquired.

Maintaining that he had inquired with his daughter and son-in-law and learnt from them that they had paid for both the sites in white money, GTD contended that the Lokayukta probe will reveal if he had exerted any influence and received kickbacks as alleged by complainant Snehamayi Krishna.

'Will not attend JD(S) meeting'

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (MTY&DM)- Even as his simmering differences with the JD(S) leadership sees no signs of abating, senior party leader and Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD), who has been maintaining a distance from the party for about a year, said that he will not attend the JD(S) meeting called by the party top brass on Sunday (Jan. 12) purportedly to elect Nikhil Kumaraswamy, the son of Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK), as the new State JD(S) President.

Speaking to presspersons here yesterday, GTD said that the party Supremo and former PM H.D. Deve Gowda (HDD) and his son Kumaraswamy will decide on who should be made the party's State Chief.

Asserting that the leader recommended by HDD and HDK will be formally announced as the new Chief of the State Unit, he said that no one should misconstrue his absence from the meeting.

Maintaining that he is concentrating on the development of the Constituency and he is busy with it, GTD said he could not attend the DISHA meeting chaired by Kumaraswamy on Jan. 6 due to some reasons.

Contending that he has no differences with the party leadership, he said his son G.D. Harish Gowda, who is the Hunsur MLA and Nikhil Kumaraswamy are good friends and as such Harish wants to see Nikhil as the State President of the party and there was nothing wrong in it.

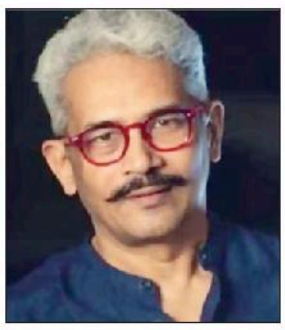
On CM posts

Commenting on the statements of PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi and Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy expressing their ambitions to become the Chief Minister of the State after the 2028 Assembly polls, GTD said that such statements seem to be only illusions as no one can say what will happen in 2028, which is three years away.

Rangayana set for yet another edition of bahuroopi

Six-day National Theatre Festival to focus on 'Liberation: Social Justice - Movements and Theatre'

Siddaramaiah



Atul Kulkarni

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (VNS)- The much awaited Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival will be held from Jan. 14 to 19 at Rangayana in city. This year, festival is being organised with the theme 'Liberation: Social Justice - Movements and Theatre.' Apart from multilingual theatre plays, the festival will feature national symposium, film festival, folk festival, book exhibition, handicraft exhibition and demonstration, desi food festival, painting exhibition, street plays and special programmes for children.

This year's Bahuroopi will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Jan. 14 at Vanaranga in Rangayana premises at 5 pm. Renowned Theatre and cine actor Atul Kulkarni will inaugurate the National Theatre Festival. Social Welfare and District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will inaugurate handicraft and book exhibition. Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj S. Tangadagi will release the souvenir. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar will inaugurate the painting exhibition. Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda will preside. Kannada & Culture Secretary Dr. N. Manjula will inaugurate posters exhibition.

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Department of Kannada and Culture Director Dr. K. Dharanidevi Malagatti, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Mysuru ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri, Department of Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and Ranga Samaja Member H.S. Suresh Babu will be the special invites.

Folk artiste Savitha Cheerukunnaiah will open the week-long Janapada Ustava (Folk Festival) on Jan. 13 at 6 pm at Kindarijogi premises. Ranga Samaja Member Mahantesh Gajendragada will be the chief guest. Karnataka Yakshagana Academy Chairman Dr. Talluru Shivarama Shetty will preside. Inauguration will be followed by Yakshagana 'Narakasura Vadhe' by Yakshagana Mitra Balaga, Mangaluru.

The Visual Art Exhibition, including Painting Exhibition by Kumari Abhirami of Kerala, Sculpture Exhibition by E. Smrudul of Kerala, Photography Exhibition by Naveenkumar of Puttur and Posters Exhibition of Rangayana Plays will be held from Jan. 14 to 19 at Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre).

On Jan. 14, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will inaugurate the Bahuroopi Film Festival at 11 am at Bhoomigeeta. Film Festival Convenor K. Manu will deliver the keynote address. Actress Bhavana Ramanna, Ranga Samaja Members Lakshmi Chandrashekar and M.S. Jahangeer will be the chief guests. Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy Chairman Sadhu Kokila and Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy will be present. The event will be presided by Rangayana Director Satish Tiputur.

Actor Prakash Raj will inaugurate Children's Bahuroopi on Jan. 15 at Kalamandira at 6 pm. Ranga Samaja Members Shashidhar Bharighat and Dingri Naresh will the chief guests. Rangayana Director Satish Tiptur will preside. Kannada and Culture Joint Director V. N. Mallikarjunaswamy and Rangayana Deputy Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan will be present.

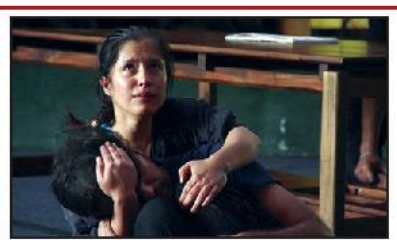
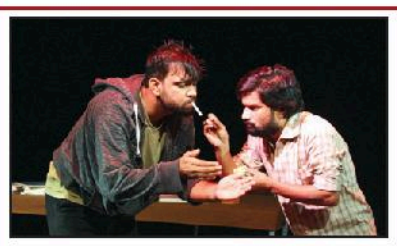
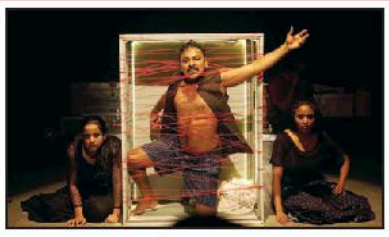
A two-day National Symposium will be held at B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi on Jan. 18 and 19 from 10 am to 5.30 pm. It will be inaugurated by writer A. Revathi at 10 am on Jan. 18. Renowned writer Banu Mushtaq will be the chief guest. Poet and playwright Prof. H.S. Shivaprakash will deliver the valedictory address on Jan. 19 at 5.30 pm.

Janapada Utsava

KINDARIJOGI 5.30 PM

Jan. 14	:	**Kaarvi Janapada Dance** Vidyaranga Mitra Mandali, Kundapura
Jan. 15	:	**Bolakat and Kattiyat** Kodagu district
Jan. 16	:	**Duf** Mangaluru Kalatanda
Jan. 17	:	**Tulu Cultural Dance** Tulu Samskruthika Kalamela, Udupi **Puja Kunita** Keerthana and troupe, Mandya
Jan. 18	:	**Suggi Kunita and Huttari Kolu** Abhinaya Kala Milana Charitable Trust, Bhagamandala **Dollu Kunita** S. Ramya and troupe, Mysuru
Jan. 19	:	**Lambani Dance** Shobha and troupe, Shivamogga **Saxophone Recital** Yadhukumar and troupe, Mysuru.

Plays at National Theatre Festival

DATE / DAY	BHOOMIGEETA 6.30 PM	KIRU RANGAMANDIRA 7.00 PM	VANARANGA 7.00 PM	KALAMANDIRA 7.30 PM
JAN. 14 (TUESDAY)	**Kane Adavru** (Kannada) Rangayana Repertory, Mysuru Direction : Sourav **[Time: 7.30 pm]**	**Paakuduraallu** (Telugu) Nibha Theatre Ensemble, Hyderabad, Telangana Writer : Dr. Ravuri Bharadhwaja Design & Direction: Nasreen Ishaque	**Inauguration of Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival at 5 pm**	
JAN. 15 (WEDNESDAY)	 **Mezok** (Multilingual) Jyoti Dogra Team, Mumbai Playwright & Direction: Jyoti Dogra, Mumbai	**Dharmanati** (Kannada) Rangaratha Trust, Bengaluru Playwright : Siddalinga Pattanashetty Direction : Asif Kshatriya and Shwetha Srinivas	**Mudukana Maduve** (Kannada) Shree Kumareshwara Nataka Sangha, Chitradurga Playwright : P.B. Dhuttaragi Direction : B. Kumaraswamy	**Mogli** (Kannada) Dhamani, Tekkatte, Kundapura and Kalabhi Children's Theatre, Mangaluru Stage Adaptation and Direction: Bhuvan Manipal
JAN. 16 (THURSDAY)	**Urmila** (English) Adishakti Theatre, Pondicherry Playwright & Direction : Nimmy Raphel	**Nadapaavaadai** (Tamil) Velippadai Theatre Movement, Pondicherry Playwright & Direction : S. Ramassamy	**Krishnarjuna Kalaga** (Kannada) Yashaswi Kalavrunda Makkala Mela, Tekkatte, Kundapura	**The Boat Boy** (Malayalam) Lokadharmi, Kochi, Kerala Playwright & Direction Dr. Chandradasan
JAN. 17 (FRIDAY)	**Murda Ghar** (Hindi) Ankur Rangmanch Samiti, Ujjain, MP Playwright & Direction : Ivan Khan	 **Anamikana Savu** (Kannada) Spinning Theatre, Vijayapura Playwright : Atul Fugard Direction : Shakeel Ahmed	**Mattaiah 22:39** (Kannada) Astitva, Mangaluru Playwright & Direction : Arunlal	**A Friend Beyond the Fence** (Kannada) Kalabhi Theatre, Mangaluru Playwright & Direction : Shravan Heggodu
JAN. 18 (SATURDAY)	**Dashanana Swapnasiddhi** (Kannada) Bhalire Vichitram, Sagara Playwright : Kuvempu Direction : Manju Kodagu	 **Tamasha** (Malayalam) Calicut University Little Theatre, Thrissur Writer : Sadat Hassan Manto Direction : *Padma Shri* Dr. Neelam Mansingh Chowdhry	**Talki – Truth Dream Via Bangalore** (Kannada) Payana Rangatanda, Bengaluru Direction : Srijith Sundaram	**Kabuliwala Calling** (English) Bangalore Little Theatre Foundation, Bengaluru; Playwright : Vijaya Padaki Direction : Murtuza Khetty, Vijaya Padaki
JAN. 19 (SUNDAY)	**Unchayi** (Hindi) Seagull Theatre, Assam Original : Jean-Paul Sartre Stage Adaptation, Direction : Baharul Islam	**Ayaan Shanthi Kutira** (Kannada) Samathentho, Mysuru Playwright : Dr. Na. Rathna Direction : Prof. H.S. Umesh	**Keri Hadu** (Kannada) Savithri Baphule Stree Shakthi Tanda, Dindiganur, Hassan Design : K.P. Lakshman Direction : K. Chandrashekhara	**My Family** (Kannada) Rangayana Repertory, Mysuru Playwright : Satish Tiptur Stage Design : H.K. Dwarakanath Design & Direction: Ganesh Mandarthi

WORD OF THE DAY

Addlepated

Pronunciation: AD-ul-pay-tud (adjective).
Meaning: Someone described as addlepated is mixed-up or confused. Addlepated can also be used as synonym of eccentric.
Origin: In this hectic, often confusing world of ours, it's probably safe to say that even the sharpest thinkers — the wonks and eggheads among us — get a little addlepated from time to time. Addlepated combines words addle and pate. While the meaning of the somewhat rare noun pate ("head") is straightforward, cracking open the adjective addle is where things get interesting. In Old English, the noun adela referred to filth, or to a filthy or foul-smelling place. In Middle English, adela came to be used as an adjective in the term adel eye, meaning "putrid egg." For its first few centuries of adjectival use and with various spellings, addle was used strictly for eggs, but in 16th century it gained a figurative sense that, when applied disparagingly to people's heads or brains, suggested the diminished or rotten condition of an addle (or addled) egg.
Example: "Overwhelmed and a little at sea (so to speak), this viewer combed these scenes for cinematic clues to whatever the narrative takeaway would be. ... The cinematic stuff was misdirection, and the mission ends with an addlepated navigator getting promoted because of his mistakes." — Lili Loofbourow, The Washington Post, 26. Jan 2024.

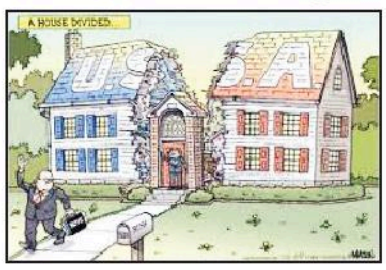
THE ODD WORD

Acarpous

Sterile; not bearing fruit.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A house divided against itself cannot stand



Meaning: When you use the expression 'A house divided against itself cannot stand' you literally mean that success comes from sticking together and to do anything else is to invoke disaster.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'A house divided against itself cannot stand' comes from the Bible. In the King James Version, the quote is found in Matthew, 12:25: "And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand."
Example: "I wish Ben and Jerry would learn to get along. After all, a house divided against itself cannot stand."

QUOTE BOX

Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts. **—Winston Churchill**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus

Answer :Never too old to learn.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 National Airspace Sys.
4 Kazakhstan at one time, for one: abbr.
7 Waxy solid derived from coconut flesh
9 Cruise or float or move smoothly
12 Lasso
13 An abalone?
14 Actress Hedy
15 Shindy, row?
17 Watson-Crick compd.
18 Split second
20 Expression of impatience
21 Massive wild ox
22 Suffix meaning "act of cutting"?
23 Trans-Himalayan river of India
27 Sanctimonious type
28 Big vases
29 Clear, with of
30 Examine accounts
32 Specialized U.N. agency
35 __ __ out : person or thing different from all others in a group? (3,3)
37 Gained by work
39 Hawaiian greeting
40 Beamed or grinned
41 Bar with which to remove a car tyre, for instance
42 Credo or dogma
43 Genre you might hear at a nightclub
44 Insecticide, in short

DOWN
1 Operatic lady
2 Capital of W Samoa
3 Where to watch cricket in Gulf?
4 To jeer at
5 Apologetic
6 Avatar of Vishnu
7 "The Godfather" co-star
8 Capacious forecourt
10 Distinctive part
11 Emotional shock with lasting effect
12 Doctor of Laws, degree
16 Pig-house
19 Chicanery
21 Wisecrack
22 Time To Station, abbr.
23 ____ dress : what a girl wears while getting married?
24 Brain-teaser
25 Religious leader
26 Wild, rabid or savage
27 Expert
30 Exclaimed in amazement, joy, or surprise
31 Deprive of weapons
32 An opening or a small entrance, etc.
33 English court
34 Not divisible by two
36 Change location
38 Outer covering

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

S	A	P		A	R	M	S			A	L	P
H	S	I		C	O	L	O	N		K	E	A
I	T	E		C	E	A	S	E		I	A	N
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			S	A	W		C	O	G			
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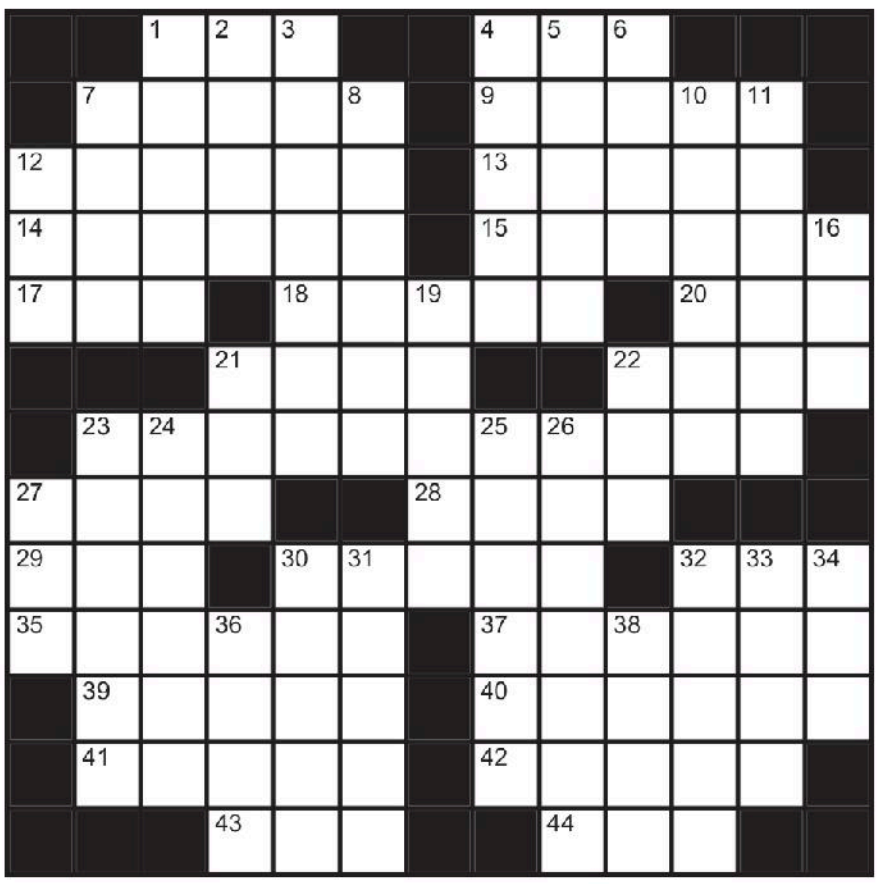

SUDOKU

		8						
				1	4			
1	4	9		3	8			
4							3	9
	9	5				7	1	
3	6							2
			1	4		9	6	3
			5	7				
						4		

Answer to previous puzzle

6	2	1	3	5	7	4	8	9
9	3	4	8	1	6	2	7	5
8	5	7	4	2	9	3	6	1
1	9	5	2	4	8	7	3	6
3	4	8	7	6	5	9	1	2
2	7	6	1	9	3	8	5	4
4	8	9	5	7	1	6	2	3
5	6	3	9	8	2	1	4	7
7	1	2	6	3	4	5	9	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ACJ LQHR PG U VQNPA QB SQTJ ACJ XEXQS PG ACJ JIJ: ACJ LPZJ

SQNCA IPE XPEZ EXPH QA, ACJ LPZJ QA DQSS KPHAZUKA.

TODAY'S CLUE: C EQUALS H

Friday's Cryptoquip: When a thing is funny, search it for a hidden truth.

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	(S-3)	1.10 pm; (S-4) 7 pm, 10.20 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.45 pm; (S-3) 10.45 am
Max (K)	(S-1)	7.30 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am, 1.20 pm, 4.10 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	(S-1)	10.20 pm; (S-2) 10.25 am
Madha Gaja Raja (Ta)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Fateh (H)	(S-2)	4.25 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	(S-2)	7.05 pm, 10 pm
Daaku Maharaaj (Te)	(S-3)	7.15 pm, 10.15 pm

Nimma Vasthugalige Neeve Javaabdaararu (K) (S-3) 4.30 pm

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	(S-4)	1.30 pm, 4.05 pm
UI (K)	(S-1)	1.45 pm
Paristhithi (K)	(S-2)	11.20 am
Choo Manthar (K)	(S-2)	1.20 pm, 4 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.20 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am
Daaku Maharaaj (Te)	(S-3)	10.40 am, 4 pm; (S-4) 6.35 pm, 9.20 pm
Teddy Bear (K)	(S-3)	1.25 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	(S-3)	6.45 pm, 9.25 pm

Nimma Vasthugalige Neeve javaabdararu (K) (S-1) 4.15 pm

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Choo Mantar (K)	:	9.35 am, 4.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	:	9.35 am, 10.15 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	:	9.40 am, 6.10 pm
Max (K)	:	9.55 am, 12.45 pm, 3.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Daaku Maharaaj (Te)	:	10.10 am, 12.35 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.45 pm
Madha Gaja Raja (Ta)	:	12.35 pm
Den of Thieves 2: Pantera (E)	:	1 pm, 6.55 pm
Nosferatu (E)	:	1.20 pm, 7.15 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	:	3.35 pm
Kaho Naa Pyaar Hai (H)	:	3.45 pm
Fateh (H)	:	4.05 pm, 10 pm

Nimma Vasthugalige Neeve Javaabdaararu (K) : 7.20 pm

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Game Changer (K)	:	9 am
Game Changer (Te)	:	9.55 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm 6.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Max (K)	:	9.25 am, 12.40 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Daaku Maharaaj (Te)	:	9.30 am, 4.20 pm, 6.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	:	12.25 pm, 9.45 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	:	1.20 pm, 3.40 pm, 7.30 pm
Fateh (H)	:	3.45 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Game Changer (Te)	:	9.10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.50 pm 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Game Changer (K)	:	4.05 pm
Daaku Maharaaj (Te)	:	9.20 am, 12.35 pm, 6.50 pm, 10 pm
Max (K)	:	9.45 am, 1.15 pm, 7.30 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	:	10.15 am, 3.50 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	:	12.30 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Madha Gaja Raja (Ta)	:	3.45 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

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Max (K)	:	9.50 am, 7.20 pm
Daaku Maharaaj (Te)	:	10 am, 4.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	:	12.40 pm
Madha Gaja Raja (Ta)	:	1 pm
Fateh (H)	:	1.10 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	:	3.40 pm, 10 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	:	4 pm, 6.40 pm, 10.10 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	7.15 pm

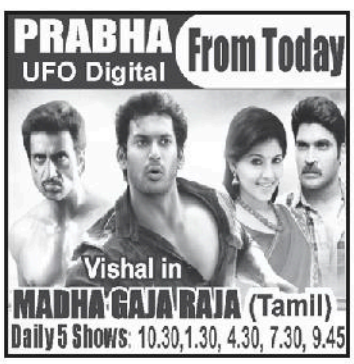
NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 12)

- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC):** Golden Jubilee of Intl. Nirantara Kalemane Festival, MLA K. Harishgowda inaugurates, Kalemane Sabhaangana, Hebbal, **2.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru:** Rashtrakavi Kuvempu's 121st birth anniversary celebrations, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, MLA T.S. Srivatsa presides, Vishwamanava Park, opp. Gun House, **4 pm.**
- **Charu Samskrutika Pratishtana:** Charu Manjusha-2, senior theatre artiste Y.N. Puttannaiah guest, theatre songs demo by Nudi Sudarshan, accompanied by Chandrashekar Achar on harmonium and Roshan Surya on tabla, #208, SBM and Other Bank Employees Welfare Layout, Ring Road, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters:** 'Hejje-Gejje,' 27th Annual National Dance Festival - 'Shivatandava Nrityotsava' by over 200 artistes and conferring of 'Kannada Ratna' award on actress Girija Lokesh and Guru Mysore B. Nagaraj of Articulate Trust for Arts, Bengaluru, Kalamandira, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrisha Paramahamsa Seva Pratishtana, Ramakrishnanagar, Sri Vivekananda Yuvakara Balaga, Sri Nadaprabhu Kempegowdara Sangha and Vivekanandanagara Nivasigala Vedike, Vivekanandanagar and various other organisations:** Swami Vivekananda's 163rd Jayantyotsava celebrations, Vivekananda Circle, **5 pm.**
- **Sangeetha Priyara Balaga:** 'Sangeetha Suggi,' a musical evening of new and old film songs, led by A.D. Srinivasan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5 pm.**
- **Chidambaranatesha Natya Shale Trust, Mysuru:** Nritya Aradhana 2024-25, Classical Bharatanatyam and Felicitation to senior artistes, former Syndicate Member Dr. Chandrashekar inaugurates, Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat-Mandya Secretary Dr. E.C. Ningaraju presides, felicitation to Nrityagiri Trust Founder-Director Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra, Sri Kalyana Lakshmi Venkataramana Swamy Temple Founder H.G. Giridhar will be present, Jaganmohan Palace, **5.30 pm.**
- **Jnanasarovara International Residential School Mysore (JIRSM):** 21st Founder's Day celebrations, Samskruthi Sangama - The Union of Cultures, JIRSM Chairman Sudhakar S. Shetty presides, Chethana (The Indoor Sports Complex), School premises, Bannur Road, **6 pm.**
- **Kalasandesha Pratishtana:** Nrityopasana, Bharatanatyam Marga by Vidu. Megha P. Rao, **6 pm to 7 pm;** 'Sambhavami Yuge Yuge' by disciples of Vid. K. Sandesh Bhargav and Vidu. Anusha Varun, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sri Chamundeshwari Temple, Chamundi Hill:** Kotharotsava Vaibhava, 'Sangeetotsava-2025,' Karnatak Music - Vocal recital by Vidu. Dr. Veena Ravikumar and troupe, Mysuru, Deeksha Mantapa inside Hill Temple, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **TVS Motor Company:** Karnatak Vocal Concert by Trichur Brothers — Srikrishna Mohan and Ramkumar Mohan — accompanied by Trichur R. Mohan on mridanga, G. Chandrasekara Sharma on ghata and S. Sunil Kumar on kanjira, Chamundi Hill Temple premises, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Natana Rangashale:** Staging of Kannada play 'Yaaru ee Keechaka?,' play is written by K.L. Vishwanatha, a retired Kannada Professor and directed by K.V. Krishna Kashyap, a seasoned theatre artiste, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'My Family,' directed by Ganesh Mandarti, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangaratha and Sanchalana Mysuru:** Staging of Kannada play 'Eddaga Nimdu Kaddaga Namdu,' directed by Asif Kshatriya and Shwetha Srinivas, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 13)

- **Silk Fab:** Expo-cum-sale of handloom products, JSS Mysuru Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, **11 am to 8 pm.**
- **Srikantha Educational Institutions - Srikantha Girls High School:** School Day, school premises, Shankar Mutt Layout, Khille Mohalla, **11 am.**
- **Uttishta Bharata Pratishtana:** Releasing of 2025 Calendar and launching of 'Mannu Ulisi' annual awareness campaign, Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji graces the occasion, social worker K. Raghuram presides, journalist Amshi Prasannakumar presents 'Mannina Shreshta Maga' award to C. Chandan Gowda, Pathrakartara Bhavan, Tyagaraja Road, **11.30 am.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Moonlight Music-275, Suttur Seer graces the occasion, vocal concert by Vid. Sai Vighnesh, accompanied by Vid. H.N. Bhaskar on violin, Vid. B.S. Prashanth on mridanga and Vidu. Sukanya Ramgopal on ghata, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Chamundeshwari Temple, Chamundi Hill:** Kotharotsava Vaibhava, 'Sangeetotsava-2025,' Goshti Gayana by senior and junior artistes of Mysuru, Deeksha Mantapa inside the Hill Temple, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Seva Pratishtana:** 'Tingala Tilivu' lecture programme, Swami Muktidanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram graces the occasion, vocal concert by Vid R.P. Koushik and troupe, Mysuru, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Agri scientist Dr. Vasanth Kumar Timkapura delivers lecture on 'Agriculture in India: Challenges and solutions,' Paramahamsa Dhyana Kendra, Ramakrishna Circle Ground Floor, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam, Mysuru:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by K.S. Sridharan, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's College, Bengaluru, Sanatani Sabha, 2nd Main, 10th Cross, Jayanagar, Mysuru, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Mahajana Sabha:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by Sri Mudumbe Ramanujan, Melukote, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.30 pm.**



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